

‘Building a Community of Diversity, Tolerance, Accountability & Trust’



On Thursday, April 26, 2018, a Town Hall Meeting on Police-Community Relations took place at the Mishoe Science Center Lecture Hall, Delaware State University, Kent County, Delaware.

This Town Hall was a collaborative venture with Law Enforcement, Legislators, Clergy, First State Community Action Agency, Inc., Delaware State University sponsored by the Delaware Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. All stakeholders supported creating an open, honest dialogue between law enforcement and communities across the State of Delaware. Our panelists were comprised of Law Enforcement Agencies, Academia, Faith-based Community, First State Community Action Agency, Inc. and Social Action Committee Members who helped guide the conversation towards inclusion for all, cultural sensitivity, building better relationships, respect for one another and finding common ground.

“Last evening’s Town Hall Meeting was another great opportunity for our community to come together to discuss relations between law enforcement and those we serve. Any opportunity where we in law enforcement can engage members of the community in an open forum to discuss issues and concerns allows a better understanding of the policing profession and a better understanding of the cultures that exist within our communities which ultimately leads to a safer and healthier environment.”

Captain Joshua A. Bushweller, Troop 3 Commander, Delaware State Police

Guest Panelists:

- Chief Marvin Mailey, Dover Police Department
- Lieutenant Joi Simmons, DSU Police Department
- Captain Joshua Bushweller, Delaware State Police
- Dr. Dorothy Dillard, Chair of Sociology & Criminal Justice at DSU
- Representative Sean Lynn, 31st District
- Representative Lyndon Yearick, 34th District
- Reverend Rita Paige, Star Hill AME Church
- Lahiem Rice, Collegiate NOBLE Executive Board Member
- Terra Taylor, Director of Probation and Parole

Moderated by: Bruce Wright, First State Community Action Agency, Inc. and Dr. Dorothy Dillard, Delaware State University

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